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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FAST TRACK APPROVAL OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the new Drugs are being cleared on fast track basis;

(b) if so, the criteria for the selection of such drugs for fast track approvals; and

(c) the details of the experts under different categories to whom such applications are referred to for expert opinion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Certain critical drugs like anti-cancer, anti-HIV/anti-retrovirals and Inmuno-suppressants etc. which are critical from the point of view of public health, are cleared on a fast track basis. This is however, subject to the submission of all required data as per provisions of Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules and opinion from the experts.

(c) The experts are mainly the Heads of Departments of the subjects concerned in various renowned Medical Institutions/Government Hospitals in the country, renowned Medical Oncologists and experts from NACO etc.